



January 14, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Coops  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20445

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I'm writing to express Automation Alley's concerns about the "Net Neutrality" rules the FCC is currently considering.

Automation Alley is a 1,000 member technology business association promoting economic prosperity in Southeast Michigan, an area encompassing the City of Detroit and the eight surrounding counties. Since our Consortium's inception in 1999 with 44 members, Information Technology companies have consistently comprised a quarter or more of our membership. The members of Automation Alley have seen first-hand how broadband has expanded their reach and how they are able to conduct business on a day-to-day basis.

All of our members rely on affordable broadband access to run their businesses. And the advances we have seen with Web applications and other innovations have allowed our members to grow and hire hard-working Michigan employees. This has all resulted because of the competitive market which has allowed the Internet to flourish and evolve over the years without being subject to onerous regulations.

Our belief remains that the Internet will continue to grow and benefit both business owners and consumers without the rules currently before the FCC. We understand the desire to codify rules to keep the Internet free, open and competitive, but these rules will likely serve as a hurdle to the innovation which has benefited our economy so much. The FCC should steer clear of any obstacles to growth and work towards policies which encourage even more broadband build out.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this letter and our position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Ken Rogers  
Executive Director